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BOOKS DONATED TO MOUNTAIN VIEW LIBRARY

Three sets of books, containing a total of 157 volumes, were donated to the Mountain View High School library on August 11, 1987, in memory of the late Eleanor Pritchard Jones of Carbondale. All of these volumes, in mint condition, were donated to the school by S. Robert Powell and Donald Walter Powell, of Elkdale and Carbondale, respectively, in memory of Eleanor Pritchard Jones, their first cousin once removed.

The three sets of books, each of which contains a bookplate designed by the Powell brothers especially for inclusion in these presentation volumes to Mountain View High School, are: The Harvard Classics (50 volumes), The World's Greatest Literature (61 volumes), and Library of the World's Best Literature (46 volumes).

Eleanor Pritchard Jones, in whose memory these volumes were donated to the school, was the daughter of Samuel Sheldon Jones and Margaret Gillespie Russell, and was born in Carbondale on March 4, 1883. By profession, she was a teacher of the deaf.

From 1904 to 1956, Miss Jones taught at the Pennsylvania State Oral School and, at the time of her retirement, was the Supervising Teacher of speech and head of the Auditory Department. Following her 52 years of teaching in Scranton, she accepted a position as speech therapist at Saint Mary's School for the Deaf, Buffalo, New York, where she taught from 1961 to 1967. On February 6, 1970, she died and bequeathed her library to S. Robert Powell and Donald W. Powell.

In donating these 157 volumes from Miss Jones' library to the Mountain View High School library, the Powell brothers told Mr. J. Daniel Moss, Principal, that in making the memorial donation they were doing just the kind of thing of which Eleanor Jones would have approved. S. Robert Powell, who is a substitute teacher at the school, remarked: "Eleanor Jones devoted her entire life to teaching and to providing encouragement and opportunities to young people by giving them the practical and intellectual opportunities they require to lead meaningful and productive lives. In donating these books to the Mountain View High School library, Donald and I are continuing a family tradition that was brilliantly begun by Eleanor Pritchard Jones. How thrilled she would be to know that the student body at Mountain View High School will have an opportunity to explore and to know these important volumes from her library."